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Subject: Photos from the EPA's Passaic River Clean Up Announcement Friday, 4/11/14

NJ Sierra's Jeff Tittel, Newark Activist Bill Chappel, and I were in attendance along with numerous fellow members of the EPA's Passaic River CAG (Community Advisory Group) including CAG co-chair Debbie Manns, the NY/NJ Baykeeper, Senators Menendez and Booker, Congressmen Frelinghuysen, Pascrell, and Payne, DEP's Bob Martin, Newark Mayor Quintana, Newark Councilman Amador, Essex County Freeholder Brendan Gill, but no one from the cities of Belleville, Harrison, Nutley, North Arlington, Belleville, or Lyndhurst that border the affected Passaic River. Greatly missed were the late Senator Frank Lautenberg, Ella Filippone of the Passaic River Coalition, and Carol Johnston of the Ironbound Community Corp, who all passed away last year.

I had a chance to speak with DEP Commissioner Bob Martin about the Passaic River Flood Plain Remediation. I asked Martin why we would spend \$5B for a flood tunnel or other options, but not put a moratorium on building in the Highlands, the source of the flood waters, as well as a moratorium on building in the flood plain. I told him that the Mayor of Fairfield said it was the DEP that continues to approve building in the flood plain, while buying up homes on the very same street. Martin asked if I was suggesting to halt building throughout NJ. I said, no, just a moratorium on building in the Highlands and Flood Plain. Commissioner Martin became agitated, said he wasn't going to argue with me, turned and walked away.

Commissioner Martin spoke to those assembled earlier said that he and Governor Christie have been working hard advocating for the environment in the State of NJ.

Cory Booker called the Passaic River an environmental crime scene.

New Jersey has more Super Fund Sites than any other state.

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LARGE TURNOUT FOR THE EPA ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THE PASSAIC RIVER
CLEAN UP.



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THIS IS THE NEW RIVERBANK PARK. THAT IS THE RED BULL SOCCER STADIUM ACROSS THE RIVER IN HARRISON.



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On the far left are Newark Mayor Quintana and Baykeeper Debbie Manns.



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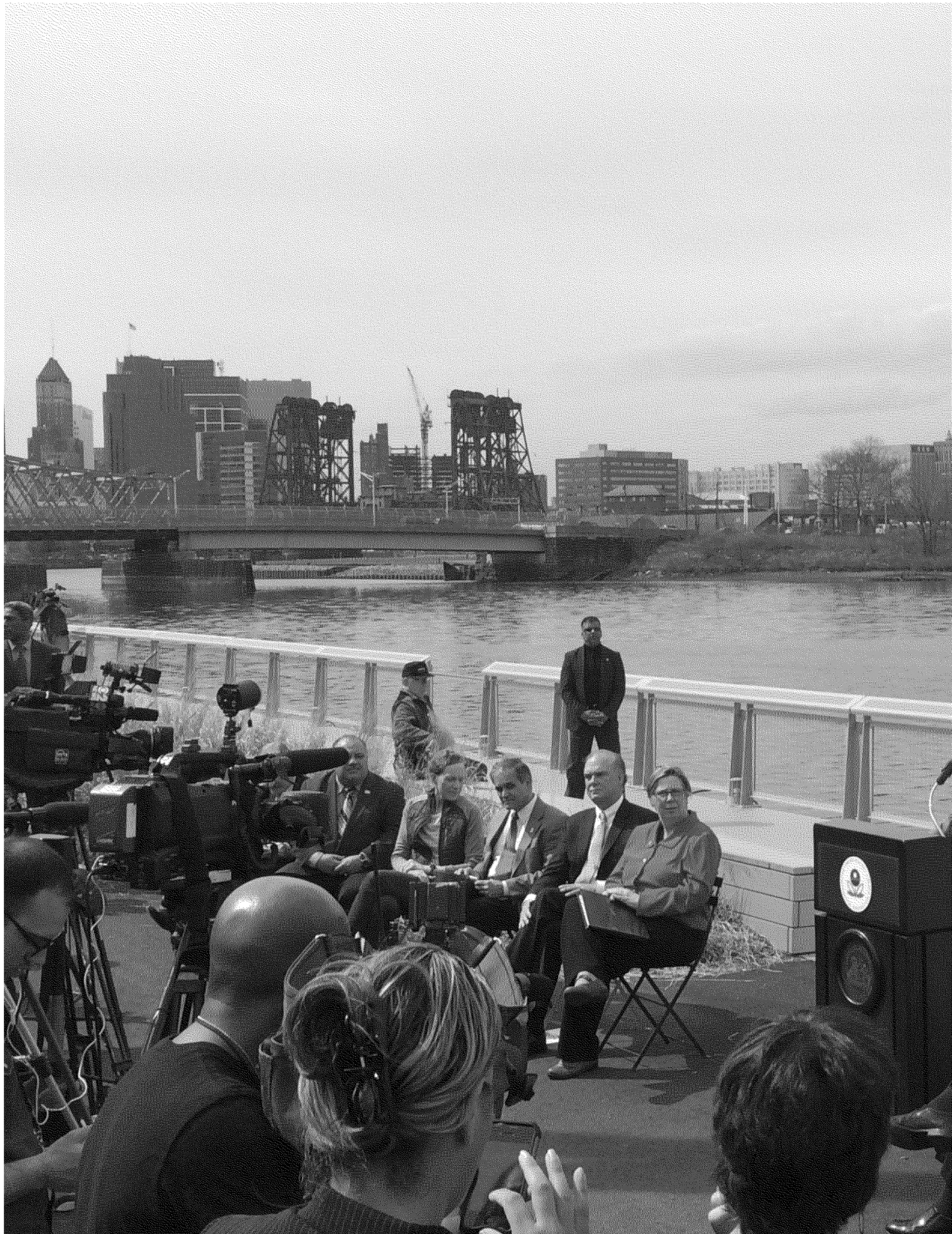
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NJ DEP COMMISSIONER BOB MARTIN



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NJ US SENATOR CORY BOOKER



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